

(2) The provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section are not applicable to potential applicants that complied with the provisions of § 4.38 (a) and (b)(1) of this chapter prior to July 3, 1989.

(3) The provisions of paragraph (c) are not applicable to potential applicants that complied with the provisions of § 4.38(b)(2) of this chapter prior to July 3, 1989.

(4)(i) Any applicant that files its application on or after July 3, 1989 and that complied with the provisions of § 4.38 (a) and (b)(1) of this chapter prior to July 3, 1989 must hold a public meeting, within 90 days from July 3, 1989, at or near the site of the existing project to generally explain the potential applicant's proposal for the site and to obtain the views of the public regarding resource issues that should be addressed in any application for new license that may be filed by the potential applicant. The public meeting must include both day and evening sessions, and the potential applicant must make either audio recordings or written transcripts of both sessions.

(ii) At least 14 days in advance of the meeting, the potential applicant must publish notice, at least once, of the purpose, location, and timing of the meeting, in a daily or weekly newspaper published in the county or counties in which the existing project or any part thereof or the lands affected thereby are situated.

(iii)(A) A potential applicant must make available to the public for inspection and reproduction information comparable to that specified in paragraph (b)(1) from the date on which the notice required by paragraph (j)(4)(ii) is first published until the date of the public meeting required by paragraph (j)(4)(i).

(B) The provisions of § 16.7(e) shall govern the form and manner in which the information is to be made available for public inspection and reproduction.

(C) A potential applicant must make available to the public for inspection at both sessions of the public meeting required by paragraph (j)(4)(i) of this section the information specified in paragraph (j)(4)(iii)(A).

(D) A potential applicant must upon request promptly provide to the Com-

mission and any resource agency or Indian tribe copies of the audio recordings or written transcripts of the sessions of the public meeting.

(iv) Any applicant holding a public meeting pursuant to paragraph (j)(4)(i) must include in its filed application a description of how the applicant's proposal addresses the significant resource issues raised during the public meeting.

(5) All requests for waiver of, or clarification regarding, the application of the provisions of this subsection to a proceeding must be submitted to the Director of the Office of Hydropower Licensing not later than 90 days after July 3, 1989 and will be subject to, and processed in accordance with, the provisions of paragraph (b)(5).

(6) A potential applicant that has initiated consultation with resource agencies in accord with this section must initiate consultation with Indian tribes meeting the criteria set forth in § 16.2(f) not later than February 9, 1990..

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§ 16.9 Applications for new licenses and nonpower licenses for projects subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act.

(a) *Applicability.* This section applies to an applicant for a new license or nonpower license for a project subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act.

(b) *Filing requirement.* (1) An applicant for a license under this section must file its application at least 24 months before the existing license expires.

(2) An application for a license under this section must meet the requirements of § 4.32 (except that the Director of the Office of Hydropower Licensing may provide more than 90 days in which to correct deficiencies in applications) and, as appropriate, §§ 4.41, 4.51, or 4.61 of this chapter.

(3) The requirements of § 4.35 of this chapter do not apply to an application under this section, except that the Commission will reissue a public notice of the application in accordance with the provisions of § 16.9(d)(1) if an

amendment described in § 4.35(f) of this chapter is filed.

(4) If the Commission rejects or dismisses an application pursuant to the provisions of § 4.32 of this chapter, the application may not be refiled after the new license application filing deadline specified in § 16.9(b)(1).

(c) *Final amendments.* All amendments to an application, including the final amendment, must be filed with the Commission and served on all competing applicants no later than the date specified in the notice issued under paragraph (d)(2).

(d) *Commission notice.* (1) Upon acceptance of an application for a new license or a nonpower license, the Commission will give notice of the application and of the dates for comment, intervention, and protests by:

(i) Publishing notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER;

(ii) Publishing notice once every week for four weeks in a daily or weekly newspaper published in the county or counties in which the project or any part thereof or the lands affected thereby are situated; and

(iii) Notifying appropriate Federal, state, and interstate resource agencies and Indian tribes by mail.

(2) Within 60 days after the new license application filing deadline, the Commission will issue a notice on the processing deadlines established under § 4.32 of this chapter, estimated dates for further processing deadlines under § 4.32 of this chapter, deadlines for complying with the provisions of § 4.36(d)(2) (ii) and (iii) of this chapter in cases where competing applications are filed, and the date for final amendments and will:

(i) Publish the notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER;

(ii) Provide the notice to appropriate Federal, state, and interstate resource agencies and Indian tribes; and

(iii) Serve the notice on all parties to the proceedings pursuant to § 385.2010 of this chapter.

(3) Where two or more mutually exclusive competing applications have been filed for the same project, the final amendment date and deadlines for complying with the provisions of § 4.36(d)(2) (ii) and (iii) of this chapter established pursuant to the notice

issued under paragraph (d)(2) of this section will be the same for all such applications.

(4) The provisions of § 4.36(d)(2)(i) of this chapter will not be applicable to applications filed pursuant to this section.

§ 16.10 Information to be provided by an applicant for new license: Filing requirements.

(a) *Information to be supplied by all applicants.* All applicants for a new license under this part must file the following information with the Commission:

(1) A discussion of the plans and ability of the applicant to operate and maintain the project in a manner most likely to provide efficient and reliable electric service, including efforts and plans to:

(i) Increase capacity or generation at the project;

(ii) Coordinate the operation of the project with any upstream or downstream water resource projects; and

(iii) Coordinate the operation of the project with the applicant's or other electrical systems to minimize the cost of production.

(2) A discussion of the need of the applicant over the short and long term for the electricity generated by the project, including:

(i) The reasonable costs and reasonable availability of alternative sources of power that would be needed by the applicant or its customers, including wholesale customers, if the applicant is not granted a license for the project;

(ii) A discussion of the increase in fuel, capital, and any other costs that would be incurred by the applicant or its customers to purchase or generate power necessary to replace the output of the licensed project, if the applicant is not granted a license for the project;

(iii) The effect of each alternative source of power on:

(A) The applicant's customers, including wholesale customers;

(B) The applicant's operating and load characteristics; and

(C) The communities served or to be served, including any reallocation of costs associated with the transfer of a license from the existing licensee.